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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Roland HEIDEL and Udo DOEBRICH
A DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM AND AN ASSOCIATED SYSTEM COMPONENT
FOR THE DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM
Assignee: SIEMENS AG
Our Ref. Q64511

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including sixteen (16) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, one (1) sheet of drawings, and an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO 1449, an International and a German Search Report and copies of references cited. **The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE99/03956, filed December 10, 1999, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application and a copy of Applicants' PCT Request.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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The Office is hereby directed and authorized to charge the statutory filing fee of \$710.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from December 14, 1998, based on German Application No. 19857649.8. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
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